



## **2007 Enrollee Survey Announcement**

The VHA's Office of the Assistant Deputy Under Secretary for Health (ADUSH) for Policy and Planning will soon be conducting the 2007 update of our national VHA Survey of Enrollees. The purpose of the survey is to provide information that is incorporated into annual VHA projections of enrollment, utilization, and expenditures, as well as into a variety of high level VHA budget and policy related analyses.

The survey provides critical and essential information on veteran utilization of health services, used in projecting the resources and services needed in VHA, and in developing our budget. The survey collects information on a random sample of 42,000 veterans enrolled in the VA system, who participate in an approximately 15-30 minute telephone survey.

Each Veterans Integrated Service Network (VISN) will have approximately 2,000 enrollees surveyed. The survey will be fully initiated the week of July 8, 2007. Interviewing will continue for 8 weeks.

The survey asks basic information that is not reliably available, such as health insurance, days spent in non-VA care, and employment status. Improvements in the survey since it was last conducted in 2005 include more detailed questions on health insurance and, in particular, prescription coverage. A small portion of veterans will be asked why they choose to use VA healthcare.

Your support in this survey will help ensure that we provide the best care possible, where it is needed, when it is needed, and by whom it is needed.

Previous survey reports are available at <http://www.va.gov/vhareorg> — the VHA's Office of the ADUSH for Policy and Planning internet Web site.

Thank you for your assistance in this project.